

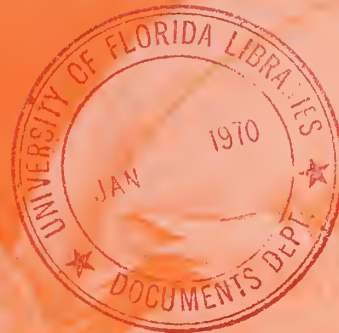
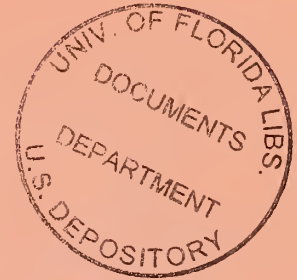
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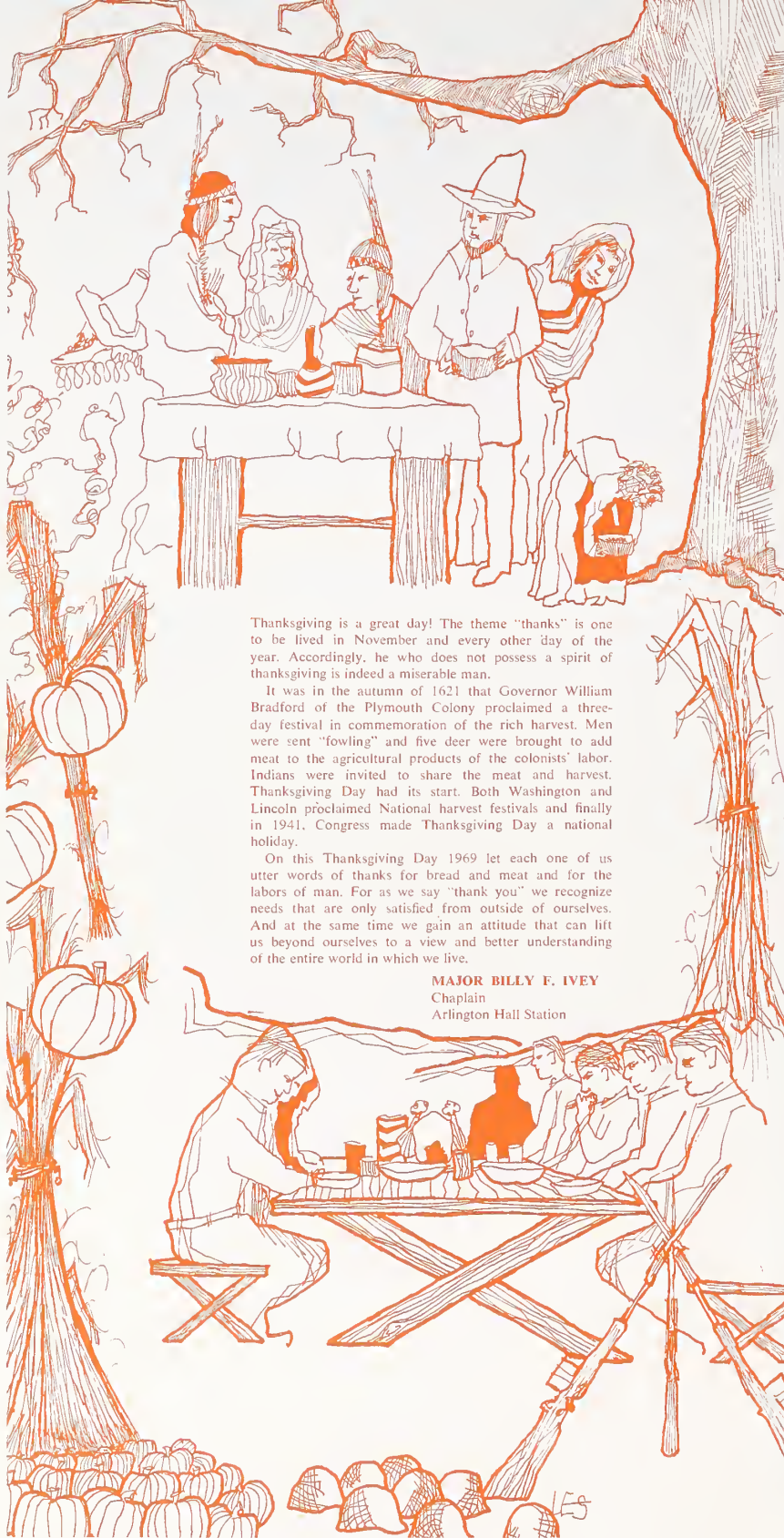


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Thanksgiving is a great day! The theme "thanks" is one to be lived in November and every other day of the year. Accordingly, he who does not possess a spirit of thanksgiving is indeed a miserable man.

It was in the autumn of 1621 that Governor William Bradford of the Plymouth Colony proclaimed a three-day festival in commemoration of the rich harvest. Men were sent "fowling" and five deer were brought to add meat to the agricultural products of the colonists' labor. Indians were invited to share the meat and harvest. Thanksgiving Day had its start. Both Washington and Lincoln proclaimed National harvest festivals and finally in 1941, Congress made Thanksgiving Day a national holiday.

On this Thanksgiving Day 1969 let each one of us utter words of thanks for bread and meat and for the labors of man. For as we say "thank you" we recognize needs that are only satisfied from outside of ourselves. And at the same time we gain an attitude that can lift us beyond ourselves to a view and better understanding of the entire world in which we live.

MAJOR BILLY F. IVEY
Chaplain
Arlington Hall Station

OUR COVER—The cornucopia, traditional symbol of plenty, seems especially appropriate this month of November, the month of thanks giving. Staff artist Wayne A. Salge did the illustration.

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373d ASA Co Wins Third Consecutive Superior Unit Award

For the third consecutive year the 373d ASA Company (Armd),—a unit of the 311th ASA Battalion (Corps)—has been awarded the Guidon Streamer denoting selection as a III Corps Superior Unit.

The 373d stands shoulder to shoulder with their distinguished colleagues at Ft. Hood, Tex.—the First and Second Armored Divisions and elements of III Corps Support.

Since its inception nearly three-and-one-half years ago, the 373d ASA Company's byword has been "ASA Mission Accomplishment." Or to put it another way, the award-winning company is known as the "We Did It" arm of the "Can Do" 311th ASA Battalion.

What does it take to win a citation as a Superior Unit?

In general, it takes long hours of hard, repetitious work coupled with an inexhaustible amount of that proverbial "Esprit de Corps."

Some of the specific factors considered by the III Corps Selection Board as a minimum criteria for the Superior Unit award are:

- Satisfactory rating for the Command Maintenance Management Inspection (CMMI) of the training year under consideration.
- Attainment of "Excellent" (or equivalent for non-adjectival reports) for the most recent Annual General Inspection.
- Achievement of at least 80 per cent "present for duty" strength within two hours of alert on each III Corps Quarterly Assembly Test Exercise.
- Attainment of the rating sharpshooter or better by



It takes long hours of work to win a Superior Unit Citation as these members of the 373d will attest.



Now it's "Three and Go." The 373d Guidon Streamer points the way for another Superior Unit award.

at least 50 per cent of the unit on their assigned individual weapons.

- Acceptable rates for AWOL, Army Motor Vehicle Accidents and Military Injury Rate.

The 373d's list of accomplishments from July 1968 to June 1969 are impressive. The unit participated in more than 17 major Command Post Exercises (CPX) and Field Training Exercises (FTX). The 373d also provided support for a Combat Developments Experimental Command test at Hunter-Liggett Military Reservation in California for 75 days (including a road march there and back) and the famous Acid Test I in Alaska for 30 days.

On top of all this, the unit provided support to many varied ASA missions and to the Reserve 309th ASA Battalion during its active duty training despite a fairly high rate of personnel changeover.

The 373d ASA Company, winner of a third consecutive III Corps Superior Unit award, has clearly demonstrated dedication in the truest sense of the term.

Not content to rest on any laurels, however, every member of the 373d is hard at work striving to make it four in a row.

And so far the chances look pretty good.

TACTICAL ASA



by
CPT David G. Tucker
USASA Europe

How many of us attending some form of ASA schooling have heard fellow newly-commissioned officers, or junior non-commissioned officers discussing their future duty assignments? The conversation may take place in a snack bar or at one of the clubs on post, yet the topic of conversation is always the same: the prospect of new adventures in distant lands.

The names of exotic places are tossed back and forth throughout the conversation—places like Hakata, Tokyo, Okinawa, Taiwan, Bangkok, Hawaii, Panama, Rothwesten, Frankfurt and Berlin. Each assignment sounds more intriguing than the last.

However, no one seems to notice those who mention they are being assigned to Ft. Hood, Ft. Bragg, Ft. Carson, the Republic of Korea, or the Republic of Vietnam. These men are going to "Grunt, Crunchy, Track, or Trooper" units where the duty day never ends, and the living conditions are a little less luxurious than those found at most Agency field stations.

These are the units known as "Tactical ASA"—units which support the tactical commands of the United States Army. In one of these units the majority of a person's time will be spent in the field participating in training exercises or in actual operations against a hostile force. Hard work, troop involvement, supply and maintenance operations, and leadership under various circumstances are daily experiences. Family separation is a common problem but something one learns to endure.

For those readers who think that men assigned to tactical ASA units are getting the "short end of the stick," take a moment and reconsider. Where else in the Agency can junior leaders receive training which is made available to them in tactical ASA units? Where else can they obtain extensive experience in day-to-day Army activities? Where can they establish a rapport with other members of the Army community which will be so useful in later years when they fill senior positions?

At ASA field stations individuals often perform only

one or two different duties throughout a two- or three-year tour.

This is not the case in a tactical ASA unit. Because of rapid personnel turnover, junior leaders perform two or three jobs during a year's tour and are continually exposed to the many aspects of ASA in support of a combat command.

In tactical units ASA personnel become involved with the command they support. By association with the other units they become aware of the needs and complexities of missions performed by other arms and support branches of the Army. Much of the Army formulates its opinion of the entire Army Security Agency solely upon contact with tactical ASA units, for only in very few instances will the average soldier ever be associated with an ASA field station.

The duties and challenges facing the junior leaders in ASA tactical units are varied and interesting, running the gamut from administration, supply, and maintenance to functions within the primary and secondary missions of the unit. Although his MOS may be communications intelligence, the tactical ASA man will obtain a working knowledge of communications security, electronic warfare, and tactical communications because of the nature of the supported unit's mission.

ASA tactical units are unique within the Army since they perform the majority of their own maintenance support, whether it be signal, generator, motor or crypto equipment. With regard to this maintenance function, all units must practice thorough supply principles; publications must be ordered and posted; requisitions must be followed-up; and prescribed load lists and maneuvering elements must be established.

Learning these basics under the tutelage of fellow officers and NCOs, the junior leader learns a valuable lesson: without continued maintenance and accurate supply procedures, mission equipment is deadlined and cannot perform the mission for which it was designed.

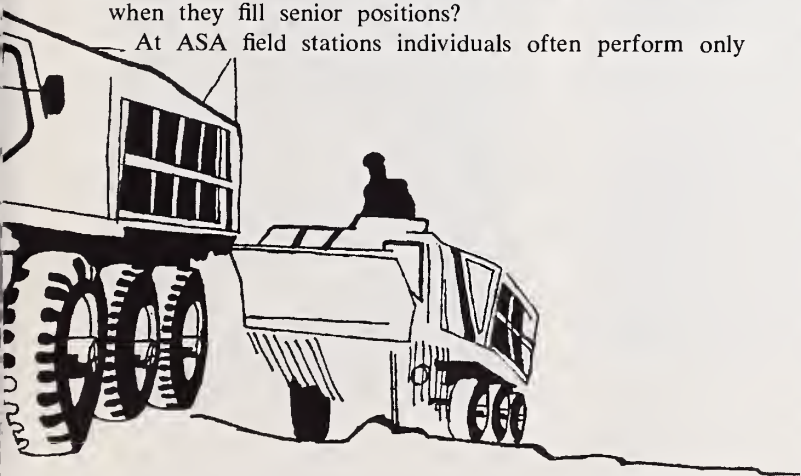
Duty days are long, and weekends are over before they begin. Tasks are difficult and certain members of the supported command might appear unsympathetic at times to the problems peculiar to ASA organizations. Preventive maintenance programs sometimes fluctuate because of inexperienced personnel or, as often happens, supplies and equipment are not received when needed.

None of these problems, however, is insurmountable. They can be resolved by drawing upon the wealth and knowledge of the senior NCOs and warrant officers in the unit. The wise junior leader will avail himself of the expertise of these men.

Thucydides, in his history of the Peloponnesian Wars, wrote in 404 B.C.: "We must remember that one man is much the same as another, and he is best who is trained in the severest school."

Although training and discipline in the manner of the ancient Greeks is not advocated for all junior leaders, assignment of all ASA commissioned officers and junior non-commissioned officers to tactical units would, in my opinion, be favored before promotion to captain or the senior NCO ranks.

Army Security Agency tactical units in support of the field commands are the "severest school" for junior leaders. ■





pass in review

A roundup of ASA news from Hallmark correspondents



Domestic Emergency Force during monthly training.

VIRGINIA

Arlington Hall Station—The Domestic Emergency Force (DEF) at headquarters is an organization unique within the Agency. Formed in April 1968, the DEF is trained to support and provide assistance to the Military District of Washington (MDW) for domestic disturbances, natural disasters, civil defense and protection of federal property.

The force can be called out by the commanding general of MDW with the concurrence of the commanding general of USASA.

The men on DEF are hand-picked members of Headquarters Company who are trained by experienced cadre. Training is once a month, in addition to periodic alerts.

The DEF is equipped with its own vehicles, communications team and chemical, biological and radiological (CBR) team, and each member is issued full field gear.

The Force is commanded by Captain Harold E. Senske and Sergeant First Class Leonard G. Economou, platoon sergeant.

TURKEY

Sinop—For one post dignitary, an extended tour has finally come to an

end. Arriving at Diogenes Station, this ground keeper and terrain specialist (MOS 51R2P and 51Q2P) had consistently demonstrated an outstanding capacity for performing duties in an effective and efficient manner as a nuisance.

During the VIP's extended tour at Sinop, he wracked up an impressive record. Among the many accomplishments, records show charges of: five counts of destruction of government property; one count of aggravated assault; public drunkenness (too numerous to count); six counts of AWOL; two counts of assault with intent to bite; and numerous counts of molesting.

Upon the advice of former Command Sergeant Major J. E. Boyette, he received special forces training. Three weeks of extensive physical conditioning and harassment in the NCO Club, qualified him for airborne jump status. It certainly was evident that through this action he became a jumping single-brute special forces.

On September 23, PFC Roland E. Eshek, was discharged from active duty and retired. Surprisingly enough, this not so genial donkey left with nary a bray.

MARYLAND

Ft. Meade—Since 1968, Staff Sergeant Donn Kuse has been a counselor of conservation, forestry, wild life and camping. In October, SSG Kuse terminated his duties as the first male leader of a Girl Scout Troop at Ft. Meade to return to Asmara, Ethiopia, with his wife. According to reports, SSG Kuse is probably the only man in the ASA assured of getting his cookies on time this year.

TEXAS

Goodfellow—Staff Sergeant Thomas R. Cagley, a member of USASA Detachment, Goodfellow AFB, received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from the San Angelo State University.

SSG Cagley is one of three ASA NCOs here who has pursued a vigorous off-duty program to qualify for permissive TDY under the Army Degree Competition Program. Master Sergeants Tom Justice and Phil Tullar, while members of the detachment, also received BA degrees through the Army "Bootstrap Program."



Larry Breeding, H & SC, USASA Europe receives his promotion to Specialist 4, while pulling KP. Making the presentation is his commanding officer, MAJ Roger S. Talmadge.



CW 3 Alfred E. Marlowe is promoted by COL Ralph Bergman, (ret.) left, and LTC Robert Galusha. (Photo by SP 4 Paul Ankney)

MASSACHUSETTS

Ft. Devens—Chief Warrant Officer 3 Alfred E. Marlowe, a student at the USASA's Air Division, was recently promoted to his present grade in a surprise ceremony at Devens Army Airfield.

The event was carefully timed to coincide with the touch down of Mr. Marlowe's plane. When it appeared that several officers might be late, Lieutenant Colonel Robert B. Galusha, Chief of the Air Division, radioed instructions to the plane to extend the flight by several minutes.

When Mr. Marlowe landed following his practice flight, Colonel Ralph W. Bergman, former Assistant Commandant of TC&S awarded him the new bars.

This ceremony was the first of its kind anyone could remember.

Ft. Devens—In a ceremony at TC&S, Specialist 5 Lloyd Kaneshiro, Hq Co, ASATR, received \$6,376 and a duty assignment to his home state, Hawaii, for reenlisting for four years.

SP5 Kaneshiro was the leader of the Menhunes platoon that plays a role of Viet Cong in the ASA Tactical Training Course. He also appeared, with several other members of the Menhunes, with actor John Wayne in the movie "Green Berets," when the platoon was called on to play the Viet Cong for the cameras.

COMMISSIONS & APPOINTMENTS

Recently, THE HALLMARK learned that a large number of direct com-

missions and appointments had been made including the following:

Specialist 6 Gordon L. Long, after waiting a year, received his commission while stationed at Helemano, Hawaii.

Specialist 4 Albert Haun was awarded his gold bars while stationed at Goodfellow AFB, Tex.

Private First Class William James Patrick, Ft. Devens, Mass., received his commission after only nine months in the service.

Sergeant Richard Earl Wise III, became a second lieutenant during his tour at Ft. Devens.

Sergeant First Class Leo R. Peloquin was appointed a warrant officer, while at Ft. Devens. He has been in the Army since 1955.

Sergeant First Class William L. Capozzoli, Ft. Devens, with 13 years of service was appointed warrant officer. Staff Sergeant Robert D. Chase, of Two Rock Ranch Station, was appointed warrant officer.

VIETNAM

224th Aviation Bn (RR)—A new newspaper has been added to the growing list of unit publications. Called "Ring Out," it is published twice monthly for and by the men of the 224th. The 12-page newspaper blends a sprightly format with straightforward command information. Good luck for a long press run!



COL William W. Higgins, right, assumes command of the 509th Radio Research Group from COL Richard A. Grodin, in ceremonies held in September. Also participating in the ceremony was CSM Francis G. Lormand who replaced CSM Donald G. Fields.



MAJ Gaudis P. Gaspard, right, holds Jethro, while ISG Sigma V. Willis holds Homer, of the 144th Avn Co. (RR).

VIETNAM

The 144th Aviation Company (RR)—The company has a pair of mobile control agents named "Homer and Jethro," who have made their home with the unit in Nha Trang.

Homer and Jethro are a couple of related, playful kittens who not only rid the area of rodents but also add to the morale of the men.

Not being the bashful, modest type, these kittens have welcomed such distinguished visitors as Colonel Arthur Hackwood, Chief, USASAPAC, and Colonel Carl E. Winkler, staff judge advocate.



SFC William R. McIntire, Mission Operations Sergeant, 156th Avn Co (RR), takes time to reenlist for four years with the assistance of the company commander of the 156th, Major Richard R. Noack, right. The "re-up" ceremony took place on an aerial mission over Vietnam.



LEGION OF MERIT

COLONEL: Robert H. Jackson (1), William G. Lundy, Donald H. McKenzie.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL: William G. Arnold, Walter J. Chamberlain Jr. (1), Thomas K. Galleher, David W. Miller, Robert N. Miller (1), James F. Morris Jr., William T. Russell.

MAJOR: John M. Arnold, Sigmund J. Haber, Russell E. Miller.

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 4: Owen T. Yates Jr., Russell L. Case (1).

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2: Huely J. Daigle.

COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR: Donald P. Baker.

STAFF SERGEANT MAJOR: Fred M. Lee.

FIRST SERGEANT: Donald R. Stoops.

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS: Arnold C. Thomas.

BRONZE STAR MEDAL

MAJOR: Aaron C. Zeamer.

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 4: Perley R. Wiggan.

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2: Richard E. Maher, Max C. Montgometry.

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 1: Ralph L. Flecker.

MASTER SERGEANT: Howard L. Farrar.

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS: John M. Castle, Edward C. Sennello.

STAFF SERGEANT: Jack L. Adkins, Watson Davidson, Benjamin Megahan.

SPECIALIST 5: Kenneth L. Bateman, Arthur A. Garrison, Alvin T. Hokamura, Raymond J. Wimberg.

SPECIALIST 4: Roger S. Day, John Molen.

AIR MEDAL

MAJOR: James Brown.

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CAPTAIN: David C. Dacey, Roger K. Hoover, Robert C. Legere, Frank L. Purdy, Robert E. Staley.

FIRST LIEUTENANT: Edmund M. Chung.

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CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2: Andrew Wacendak.

COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR: William P. Prudhomme.

FIRST SERGEANT: Glenn R. Bryce, Frank Kinneman Jr., Alfred J. Roth.

MASTER SERGEANT: Thomas A. Miller, James W. Van Luven, Donald J. Willoughby.

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS: Henry Dubrawsky, Alexander Jones Jr.

SPECIALIST 7: Leons Teivans.

STAFF SERGEANT: James M. Greer.

SERGEANT: Dennis J. Janni.

SPECIALIST 5: Neddie C. Livingston.

JOINT SERVICE COMMENDATION MEDAL

MAJOR: Albert Biddle (1).

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ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL

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CAPTAIN: Robert E. Baker, David L. Clancy, Robert R. Daily Jr., John Flynn, John E. Holland Jr., William J. Hybl, Anthony P. Katzdorn, Ernest B. Miller, Eliseo Pabon, Stephen T. Peck, Michael A. Romano, Marvin W. Vahrenkamp Jr.

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SECOND LIEUTENANT: Cecil B. Morris, Lloyd D. Shirk.

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3: Harold E. Bracken, Robert K. Grayson (1), Arthur L. Moore (2).

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2: Loyce P. Brantley, James C. Smith, Bennie F. Sutton (1), Victor J. M. Vella (1), Roy L. Walker.

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COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR: Robert E. Holder (2).

STAFF SERGEANT MAJOR: David T. Eiler (1), William Jones, Francis R. Robb (2).

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MASTER SERGEANT: Patrick L. Christensen, William J. Constantine Jr. (1) William J. Cook, William J. Ennis, Bruce A. Eudy, Frazer Goodwin, James P. Keegan, John E. Miller, Charles E. Robinson (1).

SPECIALIST 7: Robert R. Gutsky, Ladislav R. Schadt.

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LIEUTENANT COLONEL: Francis Hee.

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CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3: Clifford L. Boyer, Herschel H. Duren.

COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR: Fred M. Lee, John E. Scagliotti, Hurley S. Tucker.

STAFF SERGEANT MAJOR: Billy J. Woodruff.

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SERGEANT FIRST CLASS: Roy H. Bailey, Jerome J. Banszynski, Ralph R. Bare, Joe L. Brown, Billy E. Coles, John F. Duff, Walter F. Murphy, Arlie Neal, Joseph S. Sobiech, Arnold C. Thomas.

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Vigilance from North to South

The Republic of Korea is a land of beauty, tradition and modernization.

Its name means high (ko) and clear (ryu), symbolizing the country's towering mountains, clear blue skies and rushing streams.

Covering only 85,000 square miles (about the size of the Carolinas), Korea varies in terrain from semi-barren rugged mountains in the north to flat rice paddy land in the south.

Located in the midst of this is USASA Group Korea which, in addition to a Headquarters and Headquarters Company, includes several outlying companies and their detachments.

Group Korea traces its history to the 501st ASA Communications Reconnaissance Group. In May 1951,

The Story of USASA Group Korea

the 501st was ordered to Korea from Camp Pickett, Va., to support the Eighth U.S. Army.

During the Korean War, the 501st participated in six campaigns and by

the end of the war, July 27, 1953, it had received the Meritorious Unit Citation of the United States Army and the Republic of Korea's Presidential Unit Citation.

In 1957, the Group was redesignated the 508th USASA Group. This new name was to last a little more than 10 years. It has been officially known as the USASA Group Korea since December 1967.

Today, the Group's Headquarters and Headquarters Company is only 20 minutes from the Eighth U.S. Army and 15 minutes from downtown Seoul.

In addition to the companies and detachments, there is an aviation section attached to the group. It is fondly known as "The Teeny Weeny Airlines" because of its versatility under extreme conditions.

Company B has a detachment which has the distinction of being the northernmost unit in Korea. Although men stationed there are not authorized combat pay, they do have the opportunity to observe an occasional fire fight.

The ASA Operations Company, Pyong Taek, has two isolated detachments: Alpha on the west coast and Bravo on the east coast of the Republic. From Seoul, there are two flights weekly to Detachment Alpha, but it takes eight hours of driving over hazardous mountain terrain to reach Detachment Bravo.

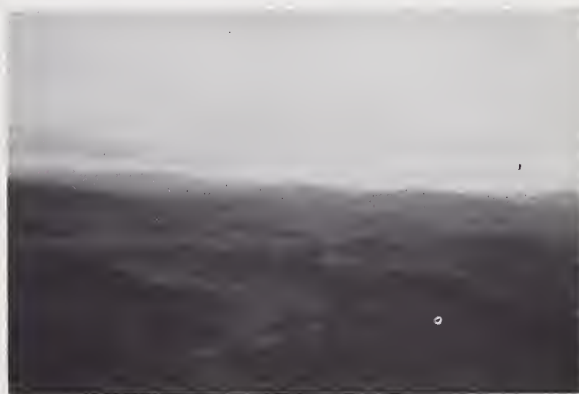


Until the bridge, right, is completed, (estimated to be sometime in 1970) ASA men and equipment must be ferried to their unit on the island of Kangwha. The Operations Company at Kangwha Do, above, is of necessity a small community unto itself. It is the only military installation on the island.





The operations area of the ASA unit at Pyong Taek, above, is located at Camp Humphreys, south of Seoul. Left, another look at the Kangwha bridge. A mountain-top view, right, from one of ASA's northern detachments encompasses the mountains of North Korea.



Imagination is the only limit when it comes to seeing and doing things in Korea.

Traveling by horse and carriage is no longer necessary. Today, one can go anywhere in the country by bus, rail, air or ship.

A popular way to see Korea is by taking the package tours sponsored by the Ministry of Transportation. These tours include transportation, lodging, meals and sightseeing.

Agency personnel will find cities with modern, air-conditioned theaters showing American, British and Korean films. Other diversions to be enjoyed are drama, dances, symphony orchestras, opera, baseball, fishing, hiking and swimming.

Western meals can be found at all western-type hotels and at many restaurants in the cities and resort areas. Prices depend on the elaborateness of the meal and the quality of the restaurant. For those interested in oriental foods, Chinese, Japanese and Korean restaurants can be found in the larger cities.

Popular gathering places are the Tea Rooms. Here one can sit at a table, chat with friends, listen to music and enjoy either tea or coffee.

Wherever ASA personnel are stationed, post activities are plentiful and at one there is even the "Holy Hole."

Located at Kangwha-Do, the "Holy Hole" appears to be an extinct vol-

cano shaft, although legend has it that the first Korean came from it.

ASA's Operations Company Kangwha Do, by the way, is located on the island of Kanghwa. At present the Operations Company is accessible only by ferry. A bridge, however, is currently under construction and should be completed sometime in 1970.

No matter where you are stationed in Korea, the tour is bound to be exciting and challenging. The knowledge that you have contributed to the essential mission of the command in this land of beauty, steeped in tradition and forward in modernization will truly be a rewarding experience. ■



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□ **CONUS Station Reenlistment Option Available**—ASA Enlisted personnel, E1 through E9, serving in the Republic of Vietnam and E1 through E6, serving elsewhere overseas may be eligible for the CONUS Station Reenlistment Option.

Under this plan, an individual selects three CONUS stations before he actually reenlists. He will know which station has been approved before he commits himself and—if for some reason—he is not happy with the assignment, he simply need not reenlist.

To be eligible for this flexible reenlistment program, a person must:

- Qualify for reenlistment without mental or moral waiver.
- Complete or be about to complete an oversea tour.
- Qualify in an MOS for which a requirement exists at the CONUS station requested.
- Reenlist for four or more years.

The USASA Career Counselor, Unit Reenlistment NCO, or Unit Personnel Officer has more details on this option.

Requests for the CONUS Station Reenlistment Option may be submitted to Headquarters, USASA, by phone, message, or DA Form 2496 (DF). Requests should be submitted within six months, but not later than one month prior to completion of present oversea tour.

Those who have already received an assignment through regular reassignment channels may still be eligible for this option.



MSG Clarence R. Carter, ASA's Command Career Counselor, believes in "buying what he sells" as he takes the Oath of Reenlistment from MAJ Robert A. Dickover, ASA Deputy Adjutant General.

ODCSLOG

□ **New Logistics Assistance Program**—Agency field stations will receive annual and as needed visits from well trained logistics personnel under a new USASA Technical Assistance Program.

The program is designed to help solve the logistics problems encountered in the field by units lacking experienced or trained personnel in the problem area.

The teams will provide on-the-spot advice and assistance in the fields of transportation, engineering, commissary and mess, QM sales store, procurement, operations electronic mission equipment and readiness.

Generally, the teams will provide assistance on supply and maintenance records and reports in each of the above areas of concentration. In addition, about 35 per cent of all the equipment will be tested to determine if it is performing correctly. Equipment to be checked includes motor vehicles, power generators, office machines, refrigerators, air conditioners, communications equipment and operations electronic equipment. Antennas, RF distribution systems and all operations missions systems and support facilities will be given a comprehensive technical test.

The program does not replace the IG or CMMI programs, but is primarily to provide assistance, where needed, to improve the performance of operational systems. The first technical assistance visit was made in September to FS Asmara. Follow-on visits are scheduled for ASA units worldwide.



ODCSPER

□ **New Career Opportunity for O5Ks**—A successful course conducted at Ft. George Meade, Md., now known as the *VHF/UHF Search and Analysis Course (SC-331)*, will soon be transferred to the Naval Communications Training Center, Pensacola, Fla. It will be called *NAV-PERS 94056 (A-231-029)* when the new class begins on Jan. 5, 1970.

The course is eight weeks long and classes are scheduled to start every four weeks. To be eligible for the course an Agency applicant must: be a qualified O5K or equivalent; have one year of field experience; and should have sufficient time remaining in service after the course to complete a tour of duty at a station requiring this skill.

Men interested in furthering their careers are urged to contact their personnel officer for more information and help with applications.

So far, the Navy has provided the greatest enrollment in the course. Act fast, before all the vacancies are filled.

□ **Medical Disqualification for RVN Service**—Many requests are being received at the Headquarters of the Department of the Army for deferments from service in the Republic of Vietnam based on alleged medical unfitness. These requests can be resolved by local commanders through the use of their local medical support facilities.

Generally, persons considered to be medically qualified for continued retention in the Army are medically qualified for service in Vietnam. Vietnam is not considered to be an isolated area, because adequate medical treatment facilities are available.

Disqualification can only be determined by past or present medical board action, and such action need only be accomplished for those individuals whose physical profile contains one or more permanent numerical designators of three or four. New or additional board actions are not required unless, in the opinion of the evaluating physician or dentist, the individual's condition warrants a change in one of the numerical designators.

Inability to tolerate immunizations is not disqualifying for service in Vietnam. However, severe hemolytic reaction to primaquine or similar drugs, or a history of blackwater fever or cerebral malaria is medically disqualifying. Furthermore, a history of myocardial infarction should be considered medically disqualifying for service in Vietnam.

Individuals in dental class five and those whose dental health is such as to present an early interference with military functions are disqualified until such interference is eliminated.

Results of medical or dental evaluations, eliminations and medical boards will be reported to the unit commander on DA Form 8-118 or DA Form 3349.

□ **GED Participation Reaches All-Time High**—Army participation in the General Educational Development (GED) program reached a new high in fiscal year 1969. Course completions were 896,403 compared with 734,885 in 1968, and 629,969 in 1967.

The above total includes 495,418 completions in MOS related courses, an increase of 119,803 over the previous year.

A supplement to military training, this valuable program provides military personnel with academic and vocational courses for continuing their education while on active duty. Agency personnel interested in taking courses, which range from elementary through college level, will find complete details in AR 621-5.

□ **New Senior EW-Cryptologic Course Open**—A new course is being offered at USASA Training Center and School to qualify senior Agency officers to more effectively perform the duties of an EW-Cryptologic Officer (MOS 9640) and manage EW-Cryptologic resources.

The course is open to commissioned officers in grade O5 and above or in grade O4 who have either been selected for promotion or completed the US Army Command and General Staff College.

The course starting dates in 1970 are May 11 and June 22. Officers must have a final Top Secret clearance with cryptographic access and special intelligence indoctrination prior to enrollment in the two-week course.

For information on applications and admissions, write to CO, USASATC&S, ATTN: IATRI, Ft. Devens, Mass., 01433, or call the Academic Affairs Divisions at TC&S on extension 2801 or 3111.

□ **Individual Records Needed for Discharge Processing**—Records of some enlisted personnel returning from overseas for unfitness or unsuitability discharge under AR 635-212 are not being received at CONUS transfer stations on time.

According to paragraph 16d, AR 640-10, records of persons in this category will be sent to the appropriate transfer activity by **Certified Airmail Special Delivery** to insure receipt concurrent with, or prior to, the arrival of the individual. Strict field concurrence with this requirement is necessary to preclude unwarranted processing delays at the transfer points.

ODCSFOR

□ **Revised Tactical Field Manual Ready**—FM 32-10, *USASA in Support of Tactical Operations*, will be distributed to the field within the next 60 days.

This latest revision incorporates statements on EW, special operations detachments (abn), aviation organizational structure and stability operations.

It also delineates administrative and logistical responsibilities between the Support Commands and the USASA.

□ **Morse Interceptor Army Subject Schedule Available**—The Department of the Army has authorized a new Army Subject Schedule (ASubjScd) No. 32-05H20, entitled *MOS Technical Training of Morse Interceptor*.

This ASubjScd, authorized in July 1969 and put into distribution in September, is published in support of unit-conducted advanced individual training in MOS 05H20.

Although applicable to ASA units now in the field, the ASubjScd's main purpose is to provide uniform training and guidance for ASA Reservists. The objective of the training under the ASubjScd is to qualify a soldier to perform the technical duties in this MOS.

This ASubjScd, in distribution now, should be requested through regular supply channels if not already received.



A Gift At Obon

*by SP4 Ronald Walker
Information Specialist
USASA FS, Sobe*



Dual language ceremonies tend at best toward the formal and at worst toward the awkward. The necessity for consecutive translation imposes upon the participants a kind of lingual unintelligibility and consequent rise in self-consciousness.

However, when members of USASA Field Station Sobe, Okinawa, recently presented Obon gifts and food to some 10 needy families of neighboring Yomitan-son, simple and unforced smiles on both sides swept formality and awkwardness aside, leaving everything perfectly understood.

Obon, a three-day festival celebrated this year during the latter part of August, is one of the most important events of the year for Okinawans. On an island where ancestor-worship constitutes the major religion, Obon marks the return of the souls of the dead to their earthly homes. It is a time marked by colorful rituals, decorations, dancing and sporting festivities with the major emphasis on family reunion and recreation.

It has been a long-standing tradition of the three women's clubs of Torii Station to present gifts and food during Obon to the 10 most needy families of Yomitan-son as determined by the mayor's office. This year under the direction of Mrs. C. J. Driscoll, project chairman, and Mrs. Jack Lansford, honorary president,

the women's clubs spent nearly two months in preparation.

In the formal presentation ceremonies held at the municipal offices of Yomitan-son, COL Jack Lansford, commanding officer of USASAFS, Sobe, congratulated the women of Torii Station for their outstanding effort in the project. He said that this is but one step in the building of better community relations.

Mayor Shotoku Ikehara, accepted the gifts on behalf of the 10 families, who were also present for the ceremony. He expressed not only the deep appreciation of those families singled out but also the appreciation of the

entire community. "The Obon gifts," he went on to say, "acquired greater significance this year in light of the extensive damage done to the island by typhoon Cora."

Following the ceremonies at the municipal building, the gifts and food were distributed to the homes of the 10 families by a joint delegation made up of members of the field station and the mayor's staff. The smiles on the faces of the children as they opened packages containing dart guns, book satchels, model trucks and dolls, and on the faces of their parents as they watched, told a tale that didn't require the slightest bit of translation.



Mayor Ikehara of Yomitan-son expresses his thanks to the women's clubs of Torii Station who made the contributions. Seated from left are Mrs. Lansford, COL Lansford, Mayor Ikehara and Mrs. Driscoll. (Photo by SP5 Donald Barton)

Travis Trophy Honors Given ASA Europe

ASA Europe earned an honorable mention in recent competition for the 1968 Travis Trophy Award, symbolic of excellence in the cryptologic community.

A plaque commemorating ASA Europe's achievement was presented to Major General Charles J. Denholm, commanding general, USASA, by Vice Admiral Noel Gayler, Director of the National Security Agency.

This year's winner was the 6990th Security Squadron of the Air Force Security Service.

The Travis Trophy, which is awarded annually for outstanding achievement in the service cryptologic agencies, was won last year by the 509th Radio Research Group in Vietnam.

In announcing this year's winner, Admiral Gayler said: "The service cryptologic units throughout the world provide the essential base to cryptologic operations—and often much more."

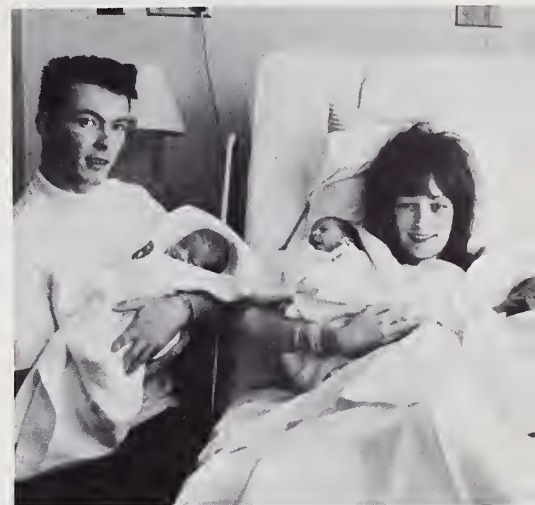
Agency Man Becomes Father of Triplets

The 326th ASA Co, of the 311th ASA Bn, located at Ft. Riley, Kan., is claiming to be the Agency's most productive unit. And in one sense it may well be.

The claim revolves around the morning of Sept. 17, when the proverbial stork, making his daily mid-America rounds, brought triplets to Ft. Riley's Irwin Army Hospital for the first time since 1948.

The 1969 triplets—three lovely young ladies—belong to PFC and Mrs. Donald C. Leight of Junction City, Kan. PFC Leight is a member of the 326th. The girls were born at 8:31, 8:32, and 8:33 a.m., and weighed 5 pounds, 10 ounces; 5 pounds, 8 ounces; and 5 pounds, 7 ounces. Their names are Tina, Tammy, and Terry.

To avoid any possible mix-up, the hospital identified the babies with the "A, B, C" system. The Irwin Army Hospital had not been confronted with such an identity problem since the last set of triplets was born there more than 20 years ago.



PFC and Mrs. Leight show off their daughters (from left to right), Terry, Tammy, and Tina.

Happily both mother and daughters are doing very well. Father's initial reaction to the birth of his three daughters, however, was something less than tranquil: he wandered down the hallway and fainted.

Bernie Wayne Composes Song for USASABA

Help for the ASA Benefit Association often comes from some unexpected sources.

A good example of a truly unexpected one is the personal gesture of noted songwriter Bernie Wayne who has written a song especially for the Association. Entitled, "Wouldn't It Be Wonderful," the song will become the sole property of the Benefit Association after it is premiered at the Victor Borge concert November 8 at Ft. Myer. (Next month's *THE HALLMARK* will feature the concert.)

Scored for an 80-piece concert orchestra and chorus, it will be narrated by Mr. Borge.

Mr. Wayne has compiled an impressive list of credits during his career, including such songs as "Blue Velvet," "Laughing on the Outside; Crying on the Inside" and "Miss America" (the song Bert Parks sings at the annual Miss America Pageant).

He also did the symphonic arrangements for the movies "Zorba the Greek" and "Lawrence of Arabia."

This spring Mr. Wayne's new musical "Barnum"—based on the life of showman P. T. Barnum—begins its pre-Broadway showing.



Apparently Mr. Wayne, seated, sees a line he likes as he reviews promotional material for the Victor Borge show. With him is 1LT Wilber N. Earl Jr., Chief of ASA's Command Information Division and CPT Lee Mimms of the DA Adjutant General's staff, who is producer-director of the concert.



It took more than team work from these men at Chitose to reach the top of this greased pole during ASA Day festivities. (Photo by SP5 Robert W. Norris Jr.)

SKEET SHOOTING

Chitose—The Northern Isle Sportsman's Club, made up of members from USASA FS Chitose, recently sponsored a Goodwill Friendship Skeet and Trap Match with Japanese shooting enthusiasts from Chitose and Sapporo.

Thirty Japanese and Americans competed for trophies and honors in a rain-soaked contest.

The trap shooting trophy went to Staff Sergeant Warren Simmons, who also took overall honors in the match.

In addition there was team competition between the Americans and the Japanese. In a closely-contested match, the American team took a lead in trap and the Japanese fought back in skeet. However, the Japanese could not manage to overtake the American's lead. A trophy was presented to Staff Sergeant Morte Urban, captain of the American team.

CHESS

Maryland—Captain Bill Webbert won the Ft. Holabird chess championship held in August, with a perfect score of four wins and no losses.

Herzo—For the second year in a row, Specialist 4 Thomas J. Burgess, will attend the Annual Armed Forces Chess Tournament, to be held in Washington, D.C. this month. The Army Chess team has won the inter-service competition for the last three years.

BOWLING

Kuma Station—Staff Sergeant Chuck Castle came within one pin of the all time high game at Kuma Station, by bowling a 276 in the Thursday Night Headshed League.

Chitose—Out of nearly 200 bowlers in the 2d Annual All-Japan Seniors Bowling Tournament held in Sapporo, Major Robert D. Jorgensen finished fourth. Averaging 183 for 12 games and bowling 238 in the tournament, MAJ Jorgensen became the top Kegler to represent the Island of Hokkaido.

The tournament was open only to persons 45 years old or older, on an invitation basis, and drew competitors from as far away as Okinawa.

ZOT AWARD

The first Purple ZOT goes to Specialist 5 Ken Varellas, Chitose, for injuries incurred while cleaning his M-14. He dropped that 11½-pound weapon on his sandal-clad right foot!

But that's not all—

Hobbling across the lawn to the Post Hospital, the foresighted specialist decided to have his shot record ready for the medics. In taking out his wallet, he unknowingly dropped three tightly rolled 20-dollar bills somewhere on the grass. His foot treated, he went back to quarters and dropped off to sleep.

Came the dawn—

And with it the realization that he had lost his money. Dashing out to look for it, he found that the grass was freshly-mowed. He dropped to his knees and frantically searched for his greenbacks. All he could find were the mowed down remains.

But all's well—

Fortunately enough pieces with serial numbers were found for the Finance Office to accept. They promptly reimbursed SP5 Varellas for his \$60-loss.



SP 5 Bill Vaughn (No. 32) slips away from a Navy defender as the ASA Hakata Rams romped over Navy's Hakata Dolphins 54-6. (Photo by SP 4 Wayne Simon)



SP 7 Roby Morrison, left, and SFC Herbert Fruen became World War II captains in their appearance in 20th Century's **TORA! TORA! TORA!**

(Photo by SP4 William Jenks)

FILM

HAWAII—Since January, personnel at USASAPAC headquarters, Helemano, have not only seen and heard squadrons of Japanese Zeros swooping and diving overhead—some have even taken part in the action.

It all started with the filming of a new movie, "**TORA! TORA! TORA!**" which is based upon the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

Answering a call for "extras," First Sergeant John T. Riggs sent 30 ASA personnel, some with wives, to the film sets at Wheeler AFB.

With visions of stardom and \$30 a day, they performed as World War II fliers, ground crewmen, tower controllers and fire fighters in depicting the attack on Wheeler AFB.

Scheduled for release in the fall of 1970, the film will be premiered simultaneously in Washington, D.C., Hawaii and Japan.

Any extra OSCARS for extras?



SGT Archie Taylor, USASA Comm Unit, Europe, is a multi-talented man who entertains his fellow Agency men with songs and music. He is shown here with blues signer Miss Anita Honis at a local German club where they are performing.

THEATER

Specialist 5 Greg Norberg, Goodfellow Detachment, was presented the Best Actor Award for August, at the San Angelo Civic Theatre's annual membership meeting.

SP5 Norberg won the award for his performance in the title role of Shakespeare's "*Macbeth*."

TRACK

Maryland—It started when a Marine made a wisecrack on the football field at Ft. George G. Meade. ASA challenged a cross country meet with the Marines, the losers buying the winners steak dinners.

Using a three - and - one - half - mile stretch of a golf course, the ASAers soundly defeated the mighty Marines by taking all first three places of the cross country meet.

Enjoying the steak dinner on the Marines were: Specialist 5 John McGehee and, Specialists 4 David Zodun, Joseph Bastian, Lee Travers, Fred Kitchel and Ivan Shevchenko.

FOOTBALL

Hakata—The defending champions, the Hakata Rams, opened their 1969 football season with a convincing 54-6 win over the Hakata Dolphins.

SWIMMING

Ft. Devens—Paced by First Lieutenant Aden Hayes, the ASA Headquarters Company Hawks stroked their way to first place in the Ft. Devens Swimming and Diving Championship.

1LT Hayes took first place honors in the 100-yard and 400-yard freestyle events, the 100-yard butterfly, and the 200-yard individual medley. He was the anchor man on the 200-yard freestyle relay team, and swam the butterfly part of the 200-yard medley relay.

MOTORCYCLES

Chitose—The annual all-Hokkaido Motorcross, jointly sponsored by the Motorcycle Federation of Japan and the Chitose International Motorcycle and Karting Club, was held at Teine Olympia, Japan, in mid-August.

Nine riders from Kuma raced in this year's Grand Prix Motorcross.

The American riders, classified as "junior" riders, competed only in the 250cc and Open classes.

The 250cc race was held first and three American riders placed. Bruce Pauley from Wakkanai AFB, captured a sixth place victory, while Sergeant Bruce Reibly and Specialist 5 Rich Shaw, both from Kuma Station, took ninth and tenth places, respectively.



Crowds gather to watch the riders take their turns riding through the mud-filled pit during the Hokkaido Motorcross.

Fun, Excitement, Color Surrounds Sapporo Track

by SP5 Robert W. Norris Jr.
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The Chitose Courier

In Japan they say "Kukuba issei ni start shima shita." In the United States it's "And they're off." But the sounds that follow are the same in any language—hoofs galloping around the track, and the crowds cheering on their favorites.

The Sapporo racetrack, about 30 miles from USASA Field Station, Chitose, is an example of one of the many interesting places to visit in the

area. Admission to the racetrack is only 14 cents, with betting amounts left up to the individual, starting at a minimum of 56 cents.

The betting system is a parimutuel one similar to that used in the U.S. with the exception that only win and place tickets are sold, instead of win, place and show.

However, second and third place finishers are both considered "place" and both yield a payoff.

Like many U.S. race tracks, Sapporo features "Perfecta" betting, which means selecting the first and second place finishers in exact order, and "Quinella" betting which means picking the first two horses in any order.

There is an 11-race card which usually includes a feature race. After the feature is completed, trophies are presented to the owner, trainer and jockey of the winning horse—a ceremony with color and pageantry that adds excitement to the day.

To the casual observer, the stable area seems to be a hectic and confused spot. Yet, everybody in the area

knows exactly what he is doing, and goes about his job with perfection.

The jockeys sit in a group and talk quietly, almost as if they were preparing for battle. When it is time for them to head for the starting gate, they bow to one another, mount their horses and head out.

After the last race, the park quickly empties, as thousands hurry to catch a taxi or get to their cars. Others visit nearby stands where they can get the scoop on upcoming races from the next day's racing forms.



Horses streak for the finish line.



Between races at Sapporo Racetrack.

"I Can't Go. How About My Profile?"

Displaying that peculiar sense of humor unique to Agency personnel workers, the "Joy Boys" of ODCSPERS Enlisted Assignment Branch sent THE HALLMARK the following item. It is, they report, the reaction of one ASA

soldier (formerly of the infant . . . ry the, "Joy Boys" contend) upon notification of change of assignment. The assignment is, they assure us, an operational necessity.

(Photos U.S. Army Aviation Digest)



"What! I'm on a levy! Well, O.K., but where? Germany? Japan? Hawaii? . . .



. . . Oh, the 509th Radio Research Group, huh. Where the heck is that?



WHERE!!!! Oh no, you've got to be kidding me."

As I See It



The column's guest for this month is Lee K. Stikeleather, Command Sergeant Major of USASA Europe, who discusses a topic of great interest to Agency enlisted men—that is, promotions.

Many Agency personnel are unaware of how they can increase their promotion potential. For this reason I would like to share with you some of the methods I have found which can help an individual in developing his potential for promotion.

First, become acquainted with the provisions of Chapter 7, AR 600-200 and the USASA "Guide to Enlisted Promotion through Grade E-7" dated June 2, 1969. Understanding the qualifications is the first step in achieving the goal.

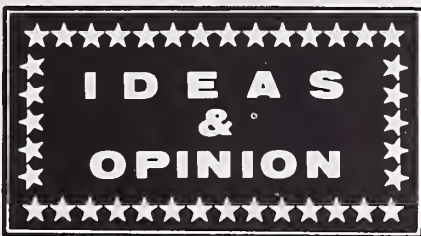
Second, recognize the fact that you influence administrative points awarded on the *Promotional Points Worksheet* (DA Form 3355), in paragraphs 3, 5, and 7 only. These paragraphs pertain to promotion qualification score (PQS), military education, and Enlisted Efficiency Report (EER), respectively.

Third, take positive action to obtain as many of the 100 points for military education as possible. Points properly attained here will definitely influence a higher point total in paragraph 3 and 7. I frequently observe maximum rating in the Drive, Initiative and Job Knowledge categories in Section II (factors 5, 7, and 8, respectively) of the EER, yet nothing tangible to substantiate such ratings. Screening and Promotion Boards may actually be more critical of individuals so rated.

Fourth, attain up to 30 of the 100 points by completing Army Correspondence Courses. These courses, when accomplished in your primary MOS, also assist you in scoring higher on annual MOS testing which complement higher rating on the EER. Personnel completing non-MOS-producing courses are awarded ten points for each course of two weeks' duration or longer up to a maximum of four courses.

Fifth, insure that certificates of graduation or course completion are filed in your official records. An absolute must for personnel in grade E-7 or higher is to forward to DA all letters of appreciation, commendation, certificates of courses completed or other actions which attest to your qualifications and performance. Assist your Unit Personnel Officer in preparing your packet for forwarding to: Chief of Personnel Operations, ATTN: EPADS, Department of the Army, Washington, D.C. 20310. It is from these files that your future promotion consideration is made.

I urge each of you to maintain your proficiency as a soldier. The man who deserves to be called a "Soldier" will write his own ticket.



New Adventure

SP4 J. R. Galloway, of the 507th USASA Group in Germany, wrote the following editorial which originally appeared in the group's monthly newspaper, the Flak Profile.

With the words "We will lead, not follow," President John F. Kennedy committed America to a great adventure.

It is reasonable to assume that the recent landing of man on that age-old source of wonder and romantical mystique will be looked upon by world posterity as the dawn of a new age. It is not far-fetched to imagine school children memorizing "1969" as we did the year "1942."

The landing of man on the moon

was the culmination of hours and years of collective efforts and billions of dollars. When President Kennedy set this national goal, many scientists and politicians were astounded by the eight-and-one-half year time frame the President had established.

Nevertheless, our resources were channeled into action, fueled by the will to succeed. Mountains were moved, oceans reshaped and the impossible made possible. We were driven by the realization that if we were not the first to succeed, our prestige would plummet and perhaps suffer irreparable damage. The spectacular achievements of the Russians served as a further catalyst to our efforts.

The remainder is history; we have realized President Kennedy's goal, and our country now rides the high tide of success.

It would seem that many questions are now pertinent and indeed urgent; these questions must be faced fully, not merely brushed over with tired cliches and voluminous reports of various and sundry committees or commissions.

What will future scholars record of a country that was able to achieve interplanetary travel but was not able to ensure an adequate education for all its citizens—nor provide nutritious food for an impoverished and starving child who would not otherwise eat, a child who did not ask to be born into despair—nor clean air for its citizens to breathe, safe streets on which to walk—nor harmony among its citizens?

Many Americans watched the moon voyage from their homes, while others were oblivious to this significant effort. Some could not even begin to envision the rationale for spending billions to send someone to the moon.

We grow increasingly tardy as we delay another great adventure, one which will eradicate hunger, air pollution, urban blight, and realize the dynamic potential of America in achieving a national goal of action rather than apathy, competency rather than rhetoric, hope rather than despair. So much remains to be done.

If we can make a giant step toward outer space, we can reach out our hearts this small distance and lift our brother—for there can be no greater deed.



311TH ASA BN

"You speak, we listen"—or Dicite Audiamus—is the motto of the 311th ASA Battalion at Ft. Hood, Tex. It's a motto indicative of the sensitive mission of Agency tactical units. This distinctive unit insignia—displayed proudly on the battalion colors and epaulettes of the men of the 311th was originally designed in 1956 for the 311th Communications Research Battalion. One year later the insignia was redesignated for the 311th ASA Battalion. The lightning flashes symbolize electronic communications, while the sword stands for the aggressive activities of the 311th. The phoenix, above the sword, is a symbol for indestructibility.